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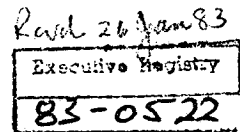
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Dear Mr. Casey:

[redacted] of the public affairs office suggested I send STAT a note formalizing a request I've made to get together with you for an interview.

It has been months since we last had a chance to talk, at a breakfast you held for a few correspondents. Since then, you've obviously pushed much further along the improvements in intelligence performance that you sketched out then. The international scene also has changed markedly.

Therefore, I'd like very much to talk on the record with you about changes the Reagan administration has made in intelligence operations in its first two years in office. I'd also want to talk in general terms about your views of changes in leadership in the Soviet Union, the international economic situation and world energy issues.

We would like to use the interview in a question-and-answer format, in which your words stand for themselves. As you may know, the Wall Street Journal occasionally uses this format to give top government and world leaders the opportunity to speak at length in their own words.

To give you an idea of what I'd like to discuss, here are a few general questions that I have on my mind:

--In broad terms, how would you describe the changes you've made in intelligence operations in the last two years?

--Do you continue to expand the size of the CIA's staff and its production of national intelligence estimates?

--What progress has been made in your efforts to increase U.S. attention to the problem of transfer of technology to the Soviets? Do you have a clearer idea of the depth of the problem?

--What's been done to give more attention to international economic issues? Any issues in this area on which the U.S. has been lax or had troublesome lapses in the past?



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--What weak spots in the intelligence structure have to be addressed yet?

--What's your own assessment of the Soviet economy and the implications its shortcomings have for East-West relations?

--How has the Kremlin changed since the ascension of Yuri Andropov?

--How do you rate the Soviets' interest in arms control?

--Has the nature or size of the threat in Central America changed since the early days of the administration?

--Is there any end in sight to the oil glut? How does that change the international scene and Middle East politics?

--Are you still enjoying your job? Do you intend to stay on?

I'd be available to meet at any time that is convenient for you. Certainly if in the course of our conversation you wished to make comments on background, or not for attribution to you, that wouldn't pose problems. But I do think the Wall Street Journal is a good forum, watched by intelligent and sophisticated readers, in which you could discuss the noteworthy changes in the two years you've been in office.

Sincerely yours.

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